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REMARKS

Applicants are grateful for the telephone interviews with the Examiner on April 25 and 27, 2007, during which proposed amendments to claims 20 were discussed.

Claim 20 has been amended along the lines discussed and agreed to during the interview for the sole purpose of simplifying the claim language. Support can be found in original claims 2-6 and 9-10 and in the disclosure, for example, at page 4, lines 16-22 and page 8, lines 14-16. No new matter has been added.

It is again noted that the amended claim language corresponds to the allowed language in claims 1-4 and US 6,746,849 (i.e., parent application Serial No. 09/937,296).

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is hereby requested. If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.

Favorable on the merits is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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